Potential damage by pest

6054. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a new pest, a black fly with red eyes, which is native of America, has recently entered India and is likely to cause potential damage to crops; and

(b) what action has been taken by Government to contain this menace?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Recent survey carried out by the Committee consisting of Scientists of Indian Council of Agriculture Research (ICAR) and Directorate of Plant Protection, Quarantine and Storage in certain areas of Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Maharshtra have observed incidence of this pest on certain fruit crops, vegetables, ornamental and weed plants but no significant economic damage has been observed.

Further, ICAR is conducting research on the bio-ecology and management of this pest.

गेहू का उत्पादन

6055. **श्री गोविंदराव आदिक :**

क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) पिछले तीन वर्षों में देश में गेहूं का उत्पादन कितना था ;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि पिछले तीन वर्षों से गेहूं का उत्पादन कम होता जा रहा है ;

(ग) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ;

(घ) क्या यह सच है कि गेहूं अनुसंधान केन्द्र गेहूं की नई किस्म विकसित करने की आवश्यकता पर जोर दे रहे हैं ; और

(ङ.) यदि हां, तो अनुसंधान केन्द्रों की राय और उत्पादन में कमी को ध्यान में रख कर सरकार गेहूं का उत्पादन बढ़ाने के लिए क्या योजना बनाने का विचार रखती है ?

कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री अरविंद नेतम) : (क) देश में विगत तीन वर्षों के दौरान गेहूं का उत्पादन निम्नानुसार रहा :

मिलियन मीटरी टन

1991–92	55.69
1992–93	56.76
1993–94 (प्रत्याशित)	57.80

(ख) जी, नहीं ।

(ग) प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता ।

(घ) गेहूं अनुसंधान केंद्रों ने सबसे ज्यादा और उच्चतर पैदावार देने वाले अच्छी क्वालिटी के गेहूं के विकास पर दिया है जिसमें परिवर्तनशील फसल परिस्थितियां में जैवीय तथा अजैवीय दबावों संबंधी प्रतिरोध क्षमता हो ।

(ङ.) सरकार, फसलों की उच्च पैदावार देने वाली किस्मों के विकास के लिए कृषि अनुसंधान तथा प्रौध प्रजनकों को हर संभव सहायता प्रदान कर रही है । इसके अलावा, गेहूं की उत्पादकता तथा उत्पादन में वृद्धि हेतु सरकार देश में गेहूं की खेती करने वाले सात प्रमुख राज्यों में 1988–89 से विशेष खाद्यान्न उत्पादन कार्यक्रम गेहूं का कार्यान्वयन भी कर रही है ।

Payment of PLI to the CWC employes

6056. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that CWC Management have had agreed to pay P.L.I to its empoyees in their 1st

and 2nd wage agreement with the Federation since 1983;

(b) whether FCI is actually paying PLI to its employees; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons for which CWC employees were on strike on 9-11-93 for non-payment of PLI to its employees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) No, Sir. In the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed between the Management of the Central Warehousing Corporation and Federation of Central Warehousing Corporation Employees Unions over second wage revision of Group 'C' and 'D' employees, it has been agreed to constitute a bipartite committee to evolve the scheme of Productivity Linked Incentives within the Department of Public Enterprises guidelines. However the Federation of employees unions and also the Unions of the Corporation in different regions have got registered several federations and unions due to rivalry in leadership, making it difficult for the Corporation to enter with negotiations with any federaion or union to constitute the bipartite committee to evolve the scheme of productivity linked incentive.

(b) Yes, Sir. The productivity linked incentives scheme in Food Corporation of India was introduced from 1986 onwards.

(c) A small section of the Central Warehousing Corporation employees resorted to strike on 9-11-1993 over certain demands including that of productivity linked incentives.

CWC Godown at Sukhchar, West Bengal

6057. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that CWC management enhanced the godown rent at Sukhchar West Bengal but the owner has not been attending to repairs at Gate No. 1;

(b) what are the reasons for attending rival union meeting at CWC, Head Office, New Delhi by the Chairman of Central Warehousing Corporation; and

(c) why most of the warehouses were manned by J.S./T.A. at CWC Calcutta in disregard of CWC's policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) The godown rent in respect of the 27,922 sq. fit. area (Godown No. 1) at Sukhchar, West Bengal has been enhanced by 10 per cent after the expiry of stipulated period. All the major repairs have been carried out by the owner and the godown is fit for storage.

(b) The Chairman of the Corporation did not convene any formal meeting with the Trade Unions operating in the Corporation. However, on 16-8-1993 while one of the Trade Unions organised gate meeting and submitted Memorandum to the Managing Director and met the Chairman, the Chairman pacified the employees participating in the gate meeting and requested them not to resport to any agitational approach in the interest of the industrial peace.

(c) It is not correct to say that most of the warehouses were manned by Junior Superientendent/Technical Assistant at Central Warehousing Corporation, Calcutta. On economic grounds and on consideration of suitability, very few warehouses are having Junior Superintendent or Technical Assistant as Incharges.